
REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2005, and the references cited therewith. Claims 1, 3, and 12 are amended, claims 17 and 18 are newly added, as a result claims 1-18 are pending.

Election

Restriction to one of the following claims was required:

Group I (1-11) claims, drawn to a method of coating with a coating composition that contains one reactive system classified in class 427, subclass 385.5.

Group II (12-15) claims, drawn to a method of coating with a coating composition that contains two reactive systems in sequence classified in claim 427, subclass 407.1.

Group III (16) claim, drawn to a n article, classified in class 428, subclass 411.1.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I claims with traverse for the following reasons. The Examiner argues that Group I and Group II claims are related as process of making and product made. However, the Examiner is incorrect as Group I and Group II claims are both method claims. Further, the Examiner states that Group I and Group II claims are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship. Group I and Group II claims are clearly identified as process claims and cannot be related as product claims. Since the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case for restriction, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement between Group I and Group II claims.

Further still, there is no additional search burden on the Examiner as the search for Group I and Group II claims are in the same class 427.

Further still, the Examiner is reminded that the Application is a 371 national stage entry into the United States from an earlier filed PCT application. Therefore the unity of invention rules apply.

The Examiner further requires Applicant to elect a species from groups A-K. Applicant elects the following:

A: polyisocyanate-functional compound

B: polyhydrazide

C: water

D: concentration

E: water

F: water

G: 1,6-hexanediisocyanate

H: polyketone-functional compound

I: a polyisocyanate with a different reactivity,

J: semicarbazide

K: the reaction rate of the second reaction system is faster than the first reaction system.

Amendments

Applicant has amended the claims to further clarify that which Applicant claims as the invention. No new matter has been added. Further still, the Examiner is reminded that unity of invention rules apply to this Application which is a 371 national stage entry into the United States from an earlier filed PCT application. The Examiner in a related application, 6893,683, treated the claims under a unity of invention standard and did not issue a restriction requirement nor an election of species. Applicant requests similar treatment for this application.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (505 998 6134) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4213

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